

### Identify the fallacy.

It's nice to think of the human mind as a garden. Gardens thrive only if carefully planted, weeded, watered, pruned, and harvested; so too the mind must be cultivated, if it is to bear fruit. But gardens also thrive when spread with aged manure. Need we follow the comparison down that path? Probably not.

Nixon insisted that the crimes that led to his resignation did not differ from the activities of previous presidents. Clinton made similar claims about the fund-raising and other scandals of his administration.

Both same fallacy:

"You can't give me a 'C' in this course because I'm and 'A' student."

"I can't be guilty of embezzlement because I'm an honest person."

People became suspicious at the establishment's over exaggerated warnings about the spread of AIDS in the heterosexual population in the U.S. so the public disregarded and grew careless in their behavior. (refers to tactic used that caused the public to become careless)

Smoking pot leads to heroin addiction.

Showing single mother on welfare on the news whose generosity, kindness, and tears come to represent entire welfare community being discussed in welfare legislation.

McCarthy era "witch hunts" for "communists."

No rational person would disagree that... It is clear to anyone who has thought about it that...

People fear flying more than driving.

Legally sanctioned smoking (cigarettes) brought to the level in anti-smoking campaigns of a serious drug abuse.

Social Security must be privatized or it will go broke.

American students poor performance on international mathematics exams means the country should spend more money on math education. But only okay if known correlation between money spent on math education and mathematical ability (but performance actually could be due to other reasons).

Critics of Bill Clinton's politics cite his womanizing.

The sun rises in the morning and then the rooster crows. The sun rising causes the rooster to crow.

People fear losing their jobs, so they can be persuaded to mistrust all immigrants who work for less money.

A plagiarist who copies a paper word-for-word from a source and then declares—honestly, she thinks—that "I wrote the entire paper myself," meaning that she physically copied the piece on her own.

You don't love me or you'd buy me that bicycle!

Legislation regulating gun control is just a first step toward the government knocking down citizens' doors and seizing weapons.

We have to choose either helping business (the economy) or saving the environment.